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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB XIV: ITEM 4B: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

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1. SUMMARY: DRAFT RESOLUTION DISCUSSED IN PLENARY CONTACT GROUP AND IN SMALL DRAFTING GROUP SEPTEMBER 9. IN ADDITION, US DEL (AMB. DALE) MET WITH BOARD PRESIDENT LUKANOV AT LATTER'S REQUEST AND DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON DRAFT. DRAFTING GROUP MEETS AGAIN SEPTEMBER 10. EXPECT NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS TEXT TO CONTINUE DURING REMAINING DAYS OF BOARD SESSION AND WILL NEED URGENT REACTION FROM DEPARTMENT ON TEXTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AND ON COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WE WILL BE REPORTING AS DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING WITH LUKANOV: LUKANOV EXPLAINED HE HAD ASKED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING IN ORDER TO SEE WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH

CONCLUSION ON THIS RESOLUTION WHICH AVOIDED NEGATIVE VOTES. AMBASSADOR DALE REPLIED THAT US HAD MADE CLEAR IN NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND IN INFORMAL BUT POINTED CONTACTS THAT US POSITION ON DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WAS FIRM. WORK OF THE BOARD COULD PROCEED ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, BUT US WOULD HAVE TO REITERATE POSITION IF ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE DOCUMENTS PUT BEFORE IT AGAIN. FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE NEW FORMULATION WITH REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION WHICH COULD BE USED IN THIS AND OTHER UN FORUMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CONTENTIONS DEBATE WHICH HAD OCCURRED AT ECOSOC AND HAD BEGUN TO AFFECT BOARD.

3. LUKANOV REPLIED THAT, CONTRARY TO COMMENT OF INDIA DEL AT SEP. 7 CONTACT GROUP, THERE WERE SOME LDCS WHO WERE SIMILARLY WILLING TO COME UP WITH COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. HE SAID HE WOULD MOVE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT OUT OF CONTACT GROUP INTO DRAFTING GROUP IN ORDER TO LET OTHER WORK OF THE BOARD PROCEED, AND ASKED US AND GROUP B TO COME FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL ON SUBSTITUTE FOR OP. PARA. ONE.

4. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES RESULTS OF CONTACT GROUP AND DRAFTING GROUP CONSIDERATION IN FORM OF "FIRST READING" OF OP. PARAS. TWO THROUGH SIX. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, G-77 SPOKESMAN (CHADHA, INDIA) ARGUED THAT PARAS 2 AND 3 REQUIRED EXPLICIT USE OF WORD "IMPLEMENTATION," SINCE THIS WAS WHAT UNCTAD CALLED UPON TO DO BY GA AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS.

OP. PARA. 2: GROUP B PROPOSED DELETING REFERENCES TO "IMPLEMENTATION" IN SUB-PARAS AND ADDING PHRASE "TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION" IN CHAPEAU. GROUP OF 77 COUNTERPROPOSED ADDING PHRASE "WITH A VIEW TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION." GROUP B SPOKESMAN (US AND AUSTRALIA) SAID THIS WOULD NOT MEET PROBLEM RAISED FOR MANY GROUP B MEMBERS.

OP. PARA. 2A: G-77 AGREED REPLACE "KEEP...UNDER CONSTAND REVIEW" WITH "KEEP...UNDER CONTINUOUS STUDY."

OP. PARA 2B: G-77 AGREED TO AMEND TO READ: "TO IDENTIFY AND SUGGEST TO THE BOARD AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS ISSUES WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUIRE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSIDERATION, ETC." THIS DELETES REFERENCES TO "NEW" ISSUES AND CONTRADICTORY IDEA OF "FURTHER" CONSIDERATION, AND PINPOINTS TO WHOM SUGGESTIONS WILL BE MADE BY SEC GEN.

OP. PARA. 2C: G-77 REJECTED GROUP B PROPOSAL TO CHANGE "REQUIRED" TO "DECIDED" WHICH WOULD LIMIT SEC GEN STUDIES TO THOSE CALLED FOR BY UNCTAD BODIES. THEY ARGUED THAT SEC GEN HAD RIGHTLY UNDER-

TAKEN STUDIES ON BASIS OF, FOR EXAMPLE, GA RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM OF ACTION. GROUP B SOUGHT TO INTRODUCE IDEA OF "PROPER AUTHORIZATION" BUT G-77 RESISTED. G-77 ALSO REFUSED DELETION OF CONCLUDING PHRASE "FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF, ETC."  
COMMENT: WE INTEND TO ACQUIESCE IN USE OF WORD "REQUIRED."

OP. PARA. 2D: DISCUSSION LED G-77 TO DELETE WORDS "ITS CONSIDERATION OF" SO THAT ACTION OF SEC GEN IN "MAKING APPROPRIATE PROVISION, ETC." WILL BE "IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION." COMMENT: WE WILL PURSUE DELETION OF ENTIRE PHRASE.

OP. PARA. 2E: GROUP B PURSUED ARGUMENT THAT LANGUAGE OF THIS PARA PERHAPS ACCEPTABLE AS INSTRUCTION TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY BUT NOT WHEN DIRECTED TO UNCTAD SEC GEN. G-77 ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENT SITUATION AND SAID THEY WOULD RECONSIDER. COMMENT: GROUP B WOULD PROBABLY ACQUIESCE IN CURRENT TEXT IF PUSHED.

OP. PARA. 3: G-77 AGREED CHANGE "ADOPT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS" TO "MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS." REFUSED TO DELETE CONCLUDING PHRASE RE IMPLEMENTATION. COMMENT: PLEASE CONFIRM US DEL AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FORMULATION "GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO..." EARLIER IN PARA.

OP. PARA. 4: G-77 HAS PROPOSED AMENDING IN ORDER TO REPEAT VERBATIM LANGUAGE OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION: "NEW COMMITMENTS" IS RETAINED, WORD "REQUIRED" IS DELETED, AND "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT" (WHICH WAS FORMULATION IN PROGRAM OF ACTION ITSELF) CHANGED TO "IN THE LIGHT OF."

OP. PARA. 5: ACCEPTED.

OP. PARA. 6: SECRETARIAT UNABLE TO ANSWER GROUP B QUESTION AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF PARA FOR SECRETARIAT RESOURCES. G-77 HAVE CLARIFIED THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ANY NON-UNCTAD ACCOUNTS TO UNCTAD. INTENT TO IS TO HAVE NEEDED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES INCLUDED IN UN SYG'S SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REQUEST TO 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

COMMENT: ASSUMING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS MADE ON OTHER PARAGRAPHS, WE WOULD HOPE TO REACH SOME FORMULATION FOR THIS PARA WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO CONCUR WITH RESERVATION OF ITS POSITION IN APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY BODY WHERE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF TOTAL UN NEEDS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S URGENT CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS RAISED ABOVE. ESPECIALLY IF DRAFTING GROUP TURNS TO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO OP PARA 1, WE EXPECT PERHAPS INTENSE NEGOTIA-

TIONS TO CONTINUE OVER NEXT FEW DAYS AND EXPECT TO BE CALLING  
ON DEPARTMENT FOR RAPID REACTION TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE TEXTS.  
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